undergone several changes. An Amendment Bill is very cumbersome. Hence the Bill in this form.

I move that the Bill be read in the Assembly.

MR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: I socond it.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

SECRETARY: The title of the Bill shall be "The Travancore Patents and Designs Bill".

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I move that the Travancore Patents and Designs Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following members :—

Messrs.
1. S. Chattanatha Karayalar,
2. C. Jabamony Nadar,
3. K. C. Karunakaran,
4. Kannanthodathu Janardhanan Nair,
5. T. T. Kesavan Sastri,
6. Mathai Chemparathy,
7. R. Narayanan Namboothiri,
8. K. R. Narayanan,
9. N. V. Joseph,
10. P. Narayana Pillai, and
11. Sry. T. Narayani Amma.

The Select Committee to report within three months.

MR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: I second it.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

THE TRAVANCORE HINDU RELIGIOUS ENDOWMENTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to introduce the Travancore Hindu Religious Endowments Act Amendment Bill. The existing Act is found to be defective in various respects It is proposed to add a sub-clause (*e*) to clause 3. It is stated that (*a*) for the words "In the cases of institutions not falling under Clause (1)" the following shall be substituted namely :—

"Notwithstanding anything contained in Clause (1)", and

(*b*) for the words "over them," the words "over any institution to which this Act applies".

It is found that the existing Act does not contain adequate provision for dealing with all cases of maladministration. It applies to certain restricted classes of trustees and only in the event of limited contingencies. Even where there is proved abuse of the privileges of a trustee, Government find it difficult to interfere on account of a small omission in the enabling section. This clause proposes to remove it and hence the amendment to clause 3.

Under Section 6, any officer not below the rank of a Peishkar is said to be the person who is to be nominated for the purpose. It is not always possible to nominate a Division Peishkar for the purpose of making the enquiry, and therefore what is being done is to invest a

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person with the status of a Division Peishkar, or call that person a Division Peishkar for this purpose. Our Division Assistants are able and experienced officers and the Devaswom Assistant Commissioners are officers of status. Wherever it is not possible to nominate the Division Peishkar, Government should have power to depute some other officer for that purpose. After all, it is the Dewan who passes orders on these matters. Opportunities are given to parties to show cause why it should not be done. For the purpose of expeditious disposal of these matters wider freedom is sought to be conferred on Government in the matter of choosing the personage for making enquiries and submitting reports.

In sub-clause (2), the existing provision provides that the Dewan shall be competent to pass certain orders. But it does not authorise the Dewan to pass supplementary orders necessary for carrying out such orders.

Everybody will concede that when power is given to issue an order it involves the power also to give effect to that order. A penalty can however be enforced only if the order and the penalties are specifically provided for. It is proposed to remedy this defect in the existing Act.

Similarly a new section is proposed to be added to the Act. It is for giving effect to a trust where the trust fails in its main object. No doubt His Highness the Maharaja has got the prerogative right which entitles him to order that a certain trust may be devoted to a particular object, but a statutory power to apply the doctrine cyprus is now proposed. These are the main principles involved in this Bill. I move that the Bill be read.

MR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: I second the motion.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

SECRETARY: The title of the Bill shall be the Travancore Hindu Religious Endowments Act Amendment Bill.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following members:—

Messrs.
1. E. Subramonia Aiyar,
2. E. E. Pandarathil,
3. K. Kunju Panikar,
4. Murukkumpuzha V. Kunjukrishnan,
5. Kaviyoor Kochukunju,
6. N. Narayana Kurup,
7. T. Vivekanandam,
8. P. Narayana Pillai,
9. Thariathu Kunjithommen,
10. T. C. Kesava Pillai and,
11. Sry. Devaki Antharjanam.

The Select Committee to report within three months.

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MR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: I second it.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

The Bill was referred to the Select Committee.

THE TRAVANCORE PROVIDENT FUNDS BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I rise to introduce the Travancore Provident Funds Bill. There is a State Provident Fund intended for Government servants. It is worked under a certain set of rules made by Government. As the fund is created for certain purpose, the rules framed for carrying out the purpose are sometimes at variance with the general law, especially when third party rights are sought to be enforced. The fund has to be protected against voluntary alienation and alienation by process of law. The rules re: this can have legal sanction only if there is a statutory back ground for the same. Power is also proposed to be conferred on Government to extend the provisions of the Act to other Funds also. I move that the Bill be read.

MR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: I second the motion.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

SECRETARY: The title of the Bill shall be "The Travancore Provident Funds Bill".

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following members:—

Messrs.
1. S. Chattanatha Karayalar,
2. D. Francis,
3. S. Govinda Pillai,
4. N. V. Joseph,
5. Joseph Vithayathil,
6. K. C. Karunakaran,
7. M. R. Narayana Pillai,
8. P. Kunjukrishnan,
9. P. Sivarama Pillai,
10. P. S. Muhamed and,
11. M. Sivathanu Pillai.

The Select Committee to report within 3 months.

MR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: I second the motion.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

THE TRAVANCORE DEBT RELIEF BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I now propose to introduce the last of the official bills tabled for introduction in this House during this session. Before formally moving that the Bill be read in the Assembly I wish to make some introductory remarks in order that the honourable members may more correctly appreciate the principles involved in this Bill.

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